	AREA UNDER ALL CROPS &C.						MANURE USED					
DIVISION	TOTAL % MANURED 1936-37 1937-38 1938-39					TOTAL			AVERAGE PER ACRE.			
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	Acres	Acres	Acres	%	%	%	Tons	Tons	Tons	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
CEN'1'RAL	1,040,557	1,112,376	1,090,656	86.85	87.53	87.90	48,173	51,637	51,798	118.8	118.9	121.0
JOWER NORTH	991,636	1,034,883	1,025,183	94.98	95.73	95.03	37,879	40,094	40,339	90.1	90.7	92.7
UPTER NORTH	335,292	332,112	313,366	64.90	69.84	77.96	6,570	7,074	7,162	67.6	68.3	65.7
SOUTH EASTERN	94,886	120,751	125,023	82.72	82.19	84.39	3,897	4,960	5,301	111.2	112.0	112.5
WESTERM	1,153,640	1,142,397	1,150,540	84.56	88.76	93.78	31,550	34,137	37,332	72.4	75.4	77.5
MURLAY MAILEE	961,696	993,909	1,019,322	91.46	92.55	90.21	33,585	38,449	37,276	85.5	93.6	90.8
ICTAL STATE	4,577,707	4,736,428	4,724,090	87.41	89.28	90.63	161,654	176,351	179,208	90.5	93.4	93.8
INCREASE OR DEUREASE (-)	114,544	158,721	-12,338	-0.09	1.87	1.35	13,800	14,697	2,857	5.7	2.9	0.4

APE.S MANURED FOR CROPPING, 1936-37 - 4,001,172; 1937-38 - 4,228,577; 1938-39 - 4,281,419 acres.

TOP DRFSSING. In addition to 179,208 (176,351) tons Manure used for Crops as above, 56,325 (51,196) tons were used for top-dressing, - the acreage top-dressed being Counties Adelaide 92,047 (90,731), Carnarvon 24,499 (19,741), Fergusson 24,938 (23,806), Hindmarsh 123,107 (117,209), Sturt 34,436 (35,564), Stanley 28,243 (22,351), Buckingham 72,474 (63,903), Grey 244,426 (245,581), MacDonnell 94,141 (77,376), Robe 174,811 (154,063), Flinders 51,374 (52,311), Others 130,624 (94,128), Total 1,095,120 (996,764).

The quantity of manures used per acre this year for cropping was 93.8 lbs., being a record for the State. The area of 1,095,120 acres top-dressed was also a record, exceeding the previous highest by 100,000 acres. Since 1931-32, the percentage of cropped area manured has increased from 80.72 to 90.63, the average lbs. used per acre rising from 75.3 to 93.8 and the acreage top-dressed from 139.328 to 1.095.120. The maximum percentage of cropped area manufed was 92.62 in 1929-30.

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